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1. PROGRAM ACTIVE TASK ORDERS

1.1 AID-514-TO-16-000012

1.1.1 Task order provides technical support for DNP in structuring and beginning the implementation of the Orinoquía Master Plan (PMO) in order for it to be sustainable and inclusive.

The goal of the National Development Plan (PND 2014-2018) is to create a peaceful, equitable, and educated Colombia, in harmony with the goals of the national government, and according to best practices and international standards. It is a document based on long-term national planning for profound and sustainable development in the country. The PND was constructed to be results oriented, and tailored to the needs of the different territories. This marks an important transition from a conceptual focus, to a focus on the development of national level strategies, guidelines and plans of action for each one of the distinct geographic regions of Colombia.

The territory based PND places a marked focus on promoting development as a tool to promote regional unity. This is accomplished through generating employment opportunities, ensuring security and alleviating poverty, particularly in the peripheries of the country, which lag behind in socioeconomic indicators.

The PND has defined the territories by their development needs, under which the central eastern region known as Orinoquia will be examined. This is a strategic region for the country because of its environmental resources, particularly its freshwater reserves, biodiversity, and priority conservation ecosystems. It is a highly diverse territory which includes mountains, foothills, flood plains, and rainforest transition zones, each which will be given individual attention within an integrated development plan.

The Departamento Nacional de Planeación (National Planning Department, DNP) seeks to construct an Orinoquia Master Plan (PMO) that is sustainable and inclusive. This will begin with a land use model that will balance opportunities in the sectors of agriculture, livestock, mining, and energy, with social and environmental needs. The plan will also seek to generate the necessary conditions to support sustainable, long-term development, and include institutions with the capacity to carry out this vision. It will better the lives of the Orinoquia population by helping the area to become economically stable and competitive, thereby promoting social and economic integration with the rest of the country. Regional development is a long process with shared responsibilities between the local government, national government, the community, and other regional actors.

With this in mind, the DNP seeks to generate integrated, holistic development by implementing the PMO, which will coordinate all of the proposed and on-going projects within the region.

This is an important undertaking, one that requires the combined effort of national and territorial government in the areas of institutional strengthening, land management, and planning for the whole Orinoquia as a post-conflict zone.

For the Government of Colombia, the PMO is a high priority. However, the content and structure of such a plan is very complex. It will be a big undertaking that requires strong coordination and operational work in order to execute parts of the initial proposals of the PMO.

1.1.2 Task order has nineteen active positions:

- PMO Unit Supervisor
- Document and Knowledge Manager
- Prospective Model Coordinator
- Prospective Model GIS Assistant
- Project Monitoring Coordinator
- Project Monitoring Specialist
- Cross-cutting Policy and CONPES Coordinator
- Project Development Coordinator
- Project Development Specialist (two consultants)
- International Donor Community and Private Sector Coordinator
- Infrastructure and Logistics Coordinator (vacant)
- Infrastructure and Logistics Specialist
- Water and Natural Resources Coordinator
- Sustainable Systems Coordinator
- Sustainable Systems Specialist Tourism
- Sustainable Systems Specialist Agriculture
- Land Use Planning Coordinator
- Land Use Planning Specialist
- Water and Natural Resources Specialist

1.1.3 Task Order Activity Remarks:

- Consultants worked according to work plan.
- Final report was delivered to TO/COR as agreed in the workplan.

1.2 AID-514-TO-16-00013

1.2.1 Task order provides support to the Government of Colombia Presidential Human Rights High Council

Provide technical support for the Activity with a special focus on its strategic planning for the Human Rights Plan,

The Activity seeks to strengthen its institutional capacity as a leading GOC institution that promotes the respect for human rights and international humanitarian law in the post-accord scenario. A recent change in leadership of the Advisory Office has prompted the urgent need to revise the office's strategic plan to refocus resources to better coordinate with various GOC entities supporting human rights and to better support the achievement of sustainable results within the rapidly evolving Colombian political context.

The goals of the Activity are in alignment with Mission priorities across portfolios, in particular with the Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG) Office's Human Rights Activity, which will closely partner with the Advisory Office on various interventions.

1.2.2 Task order had three positions:

- Senior Consultant Human Rights, Public Policies, Peace Pedagogy and Differential Approaches
- Senior Consultant Human Rights Education, Planning and Institutional Strengthening
- Junior Consultant in Human Rights, differential approaches and communications

1.2.3 Task Order Activity Remarks:

- We received a modification to increase funds \$43,423,19 new total \$247,934,65 and extend period of performance until July 24th, 2017
- Consultants worked until JULY 24, 2017, according to work plan and Alta Consejería's requirements.
- Each final report was submitted to TO/COR

1.3 AID-514-TO-17-00001

1.3.1 Task order provides a civil engineer to provide auditing services of construction works for infrastructure, roads and other construction.

USAID/Colombia through the Consolidated & Enhanced Livelihoods (CELI) North/South and Central activities has supported the repair and maintenance of

several small infrastructure and roads initiatives including the repair of schools, health centers, multi-sport plates, tertiary roads, storage and aggregation centers, bridges, etc. The verification of the results of these initiatives is important in order to determine if the final work complied with the initial specifications or if progress is being achieved according to the initial schedule and take corrective actions when necessary.

1.3.2 Task Order Activity Remarks:

- Consultant has been performing activities as requested by USAID.
- This TO is extended until October 10th 2017.

1.4 AID-514-TO-17-00008

1.4.1 Task order provides services of Consultancy and support for Multipurpose Cadaster Piloting for the National Planning of support to National Planning Department (DNP)

USAID seeks to support the National Planning Department (DNP) in the implementation and follow-up of the multipurpose cadaster pilots project in accordance with the models established by the government of Colombia (GOC). To this end, USAID plans to provide technical assistance to the DNP by recruiting the Multipurpose Cadaster Pilot Operational Regional Manager of the multipurpose cadaster pilots project through the Olgoonik Technical Services IDIQ. This person will be in charge of supervising and ensuring the appropriate implementation of the guidelines for the comprehensive development and implementation of the multipurpose cadaster— especially its legal, communication, socialization, technical, technological, and financial matters—by the selected operators. Additionally, the operational manager will be responsible for evaluating the results of the implementation of the methodologies, standards, processes, procedures, and instructions of the multipurpose cadaster, as well as the legal, technical, and administrative feasibility of linking the results of the pilots to the databases and cadastral data management in the covered territories.

As a result of said support, the GOC is expected to develop the methodology and standards for the multipurpose cadaster's implementation throughout the country, along with the proposal of the project's expansion plan, based on the results obtained in the pilots.

1.4.2 Task Order Activity Remarks:

- After the implementation of new protocol developed with USAID, DNP and Olgoonik the consultant remained presenting some difficulties in her role and commitments, USAID in close coordination with DNP decided to finish the consultancy process in September 13, 2017.

- USAID is working with DNP in the new requirement to replace this position with two technical consultants.

1.5 AID-514-TO-17-00012

1.5.1 Task order provides three consultants to support the National Planning Department (DNP), the Fundación Semana (FS), and the National Land Agency (ANT).

The Government of Colombia (GOC) has embarked on an agenda to achieve integrated transformation in rural areas, mostly targeted to those affected by conflict. This rural transformation corresponds to the agreement the GOC reached with the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) under the peace accord and responds to the pressing needs of rural populations to live with proper security conditions and with the guarantee of a definite end to hostilities. To this end, the effective implementation of a multipurpose land cadaster for policy planning and allocation of resources within the regions serves as the basis for providing key consultative services to this endeavor. Additionally, the response to the pressing needs of the communities, such as access to water in regions like Montes de María, is a mandatory condition to secure benefits for rural areas and improve their livelihoods. Finally, helping the GOC achieve clear land ownership in areas where illicit crop substitution efforts are targeted represents one of the most strategic ways to help rural farmers to effectively transition to licit livelihoods in a sustainable way.

The National Department of Planning (DNP) and the National Land Agency (ANT) are two of the main USAID counterpart institutions within the GOC at the national level, and Fundación Semana (FS) represents a leading, respected and influential strategic partner in the region of Montes de María. USAID therefore intends to support contracting: 1) a Multipurpose Cadaster Consultant for DNP; 2) an Illicit Crops Consultant with knowledge on illicit crop substitution strategies linked to land and rural development policies for ANT; and 3) a Project Coordinator/Supervisor for FS's water strategy. The Multipurpose Cadaster Consultant will assist the DNP in the piloting and roll-out of the new cadaster program. The Illicit Crops Consultant will help position the ANT to adjust its parcel sweep methodology in order to implement it within areas plagued by the presence of illicit crops.

Finally, the Project Coordinator/Supervisor for FS will assist the foundation to further advance water projects with local governments, national GOC entities, and the private sector. All three consultants will directly support the implementation of the peace accords subscribed in Havana in a strategic way and will help the GOC to achieve a better whole of government response to the illicit crop challenge that Colombia faces.

1.5.2 Task order has three active positions:

- Multipurpose Cadaster Consultant
- Illicit Crops Consultant
- Project Coordinator Supervisor

1.5.3 Task Order Activity Remarks:

- Multipurpose Cadaster Consultant finished her contract on September 1, 2017. Final report was delivered to TO/COR
- The other two consultants have been working according to the established work plan.

2. SUCCESS STORIES

Olgoonik performed an innovation event on April 2017 under TO AID-514-TO-17-00004, Data Jam Rural Development.